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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent application to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/748,614 filed December 30, 2003, by
Eugenio G. Varona et al. for "WET WIPE WITH LOW LIQUID ADD-ON."

This application is not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, a copy is provided herewith.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

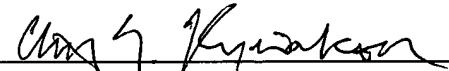
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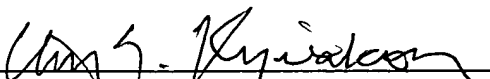
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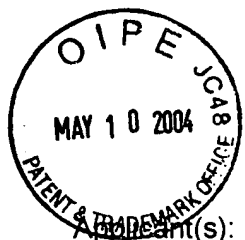
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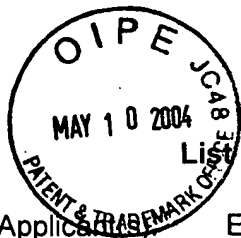
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